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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Support Staff

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SUBJECT: Suggestions for Use of ☐ Closed-Circuit TV and
Video Tape Recorder

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1. The following represents a sample list of suggestions for the use of the above system and accessories in support of or related to Training Branch activities. We must keep in mind at this point that this is a rather unsophisticated system and it can be used as a "working" system in contrast to the high resolution of a more expensive and sophisticated closed-circuit TV.

a. System may be used as an aid in connection with the administrative briefing for on-site training trips. It would not replace completely the personal touch but would assist in the presentation of standardized instructions that must be given to such personnel. Further the technical briefing usually presented by a PI could be recorded when convenient with the PI and played back any time to the travelers. Because of absences, pressure of work, and so forth, I usually have to give the briefing once to most personnel and then one or more times to absentees. Such a prepared briefing would assist in saving time.

b. It is possible that certain internal training courses relatively stable in content would lend themselves to recording. For example, portions of the IOC, the SIC, Geography of China and USSR, and the EOD briefings of NPIC personnel.

c. Certain portions of the PI Course. For example, slide rule instruction, instruction of use of programmed materials, or instruction in the use, adjustment, and maintenance of certain PI instruments and equipment.

d. Certain lectures and briefings in the PI or other in-house courses could be recorded and played back to absentee students.

e. Recordings of intelligence or briefing subjects could be recorded for actual and future use. For instance, portions of Mr. Lundahl's talk to Midcareer, JOTS, and so forth, particularly useful if Mr. Lundahl's schedule prevents him from making a live briefing.

f. The teleprompter reading unit could be utilized for recording printed instructions for any type of briefing or training simply by photographing the large print with a close-up camera location.

g. Center personnel could be trained and briefed in the operation, adjustment, and maintenance of newly received equipment or equipment that is not being properly utilized. P&DS could give instruction on the stereomicroscopes and the like.

h. CSD's briefing of key personnel on latest mission and briefing boards could be utilized; even recorded for future play-back. At present when Mr. Lundahl is briefed relative to one board, the other large number of people in the room are excluded. It could be arranged so that the camera could look over Mr. Lundahl's shoulder and all in the room could see simultaneously. For the various uses suggested in this memo, I'm not certain a high resolution system is vital. The purpose here is orientation and briefing and if minute details are desired, then first-hand examination is a requirement and a high resolution system will not fulfill this need.

i. Communication could be facilitated and expedited between PD editors, graphics personnel, and PI's regarding preparation of the publications produced by the Center.

25X1 j. With appropriate cameras and monitors Mr. Lundahl or [redacted] while remaining in their own offices, could communicate directly with one or all division chiefs regarding any announcement, latest information and developments, and the like, that they would care to pass on.

k. PID and PAG briefing rooms and the General Auditorium could be tied in with the Director's room so that key people could be briefed and communicate simultaneously.

l. Programs from commercial broadcasts of training and intelligence nature may be recorded and played back to Center personnel. For example--the Russian Missile Film, the Walk in Space, and the like. As long as these play-backs were retained under our control, patent involvement would not be a problem.

2. I am aware that some of these suggestions are only on the fringe of "training" but can be considered valid toward the purchase of this equipment. I am also aware that P&DS has been investigating this media for some time but has not arrived at a conclusion. I am certain that the type of equipment [redacted] we viewed recently could do most of the jobs as outlined above but that equipment costing in the neighborhood [redacted] could certainly do more with more accuracy of reproduction. It is a question, however, of the real need in these situations for such sophisticated equipment. The budget, however, being what it is, it might be well to have an experiment with a bird in the hand rather than a hopeful gleam in someone's eye.

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